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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 31

**Introduced by Assembly Member Parra
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member McCarthy)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aghazarian, Arambula, Cogdill,
Matthews, and Villines)**

December 6, 2004

An act to add *and repeal* Chapter 12.9 (commencing with Section 7095) ~~to~~ of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 31, as amended, Parra. Interagency Task Force for the Economic Development of the Central San Joaquin Valley.

Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, including any federal department, state or local agency to enter into an agreement for the purpose of exercising any power common to the contracting parties for specified purposes, including, among other things, acquiring or constructing specified public facilities and improvements.

This bill would, *until January 1, 2011*, create the Interagency Task Force for the Economic Development of the Central San Joaquin Valley, composed of the heads of specified state agencies and departments, to coordinate and improve existing state and federal efforts for the valley, in concert with locally led efforts, in order to

increase the living standards and the overall economic performance of the valley.

The bill would require the task force to request that the 7 economic development coordinators of the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare serve as a subcommittee of the task force and make a specified report to the task force and the Legislature no later than June 1, 2006.

The bill would also require the task force to meet once a month and to report to the Legislature and the Governor by December 1, 2006, on their progress and the actions that the task force will be recommending. The bill would require the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to create a Web page for the task force, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 12.9 (commencing with Section 7095)
 2 is added to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to
 3 read:

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 5 CHAPTER 12.9. TASK FORCE FOR THE ECONOMIC
 6 DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
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8 7095. (a) (1) The Interagency Task Force for the Economic
 9 Development of the Central San Joaquin Valley is hereby created
 10 in state government. The task force shall consist of all of the
 11 following:

- 12 (A) The Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing,
 13 who shall serve as chairperson.
- 14 (B) The Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development.
- 15 (C) The Secretary for Environmental Protection.
- 16 (D) The Secretary of Food and Agriculture.
- 17 (E) The Secretary of State and Consumer Services.
- 18 (F) The Secretary for Education.
- 19 (G) The Secretary of the Resources Agency.
- 20 (H) The Secretary of California Health and Human Services.
- 21 (I) The Director of Transportation.

1 (2) Representatives shall be appointed by their respective
2 boards, commissions, or authorities.

3 (b) The purpose of the task force is to coordinate and improve
4 existing state and federal efforts for the San Joaquin Valley, in
5 concert with locally led efforts, in order to increase the living
6 standards and the overall economic performance of the valley.
7 Economic development efforts shall include consideration of the
8 preservation or enhancement of the natural environment and
9 natural resources of the valley.

10 (c) Duties of the task force shall include all of the following:

11 (1) Analyze programs and policies of task force member
12 agencies that relate to the valley to determine what changes,
13 modifications, and innovations should be considered, if any.

14 (2) Consider statistical and data analysis, research, and policy
15 studies related to the valley.

16 (3) Develop, recommend, and implement short-term and
17 long-term options for promoting sustainable economic
18 development.

19 (4) Consult and coordinate activities with federal, state, tribal,
20 and local governments, community leaders, Members of
21 Congress, the private sector, and other interested parties, paying
22 particular attention to maintaining existing authorities of the
23 state, the tribes, and local governments, and preserving their
24 existing working relationships with other agencies, organizations,
25 or individuals.

26 (5) Coordinate and collaborate on research and demonstration
27 priorities of task force member agencies related to the valley.

28 (6) Integrate state and federal initiatives and programs into the
29 design of sustainable economic development actions for the
30 valley.

31 (7) Focus initial efforts on pilot communities for implementing
32 a coordinated and expedited state and federal response to local
33 economic development and other needs.

34 (d) The task force shall request that the seven locally
35 designated economic development coordinators of the Counties
36 of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare
37 serve as a subcommittee of the task force and submit a report to
38 the task force and the Legislature on or before June 1, 2006, to do
39 all of the following:

1 (1) Provide background information on the current economic
2 status of each county.

3 (2) Outline the economic needs of each county, including, but
4 not limited to, indicators such as unemployment rate growth and
5 per capita income.

6 (3) Prioritize the needs of the region as a whole.

7 (4) Provide options and recommendations for the economic
8 development of each county, and the region as a whole.

9 *7095.1. Beginning January 1, 2006, the task force shall meet*
10 *once a month and report to the Legislature and the Governor by*
11 *December 1, 2006, on their progress and the actions that the task*
12 *force will be recommending.*

13 *7095.2. The Business, Transportation and Housing Agency*
14 *shall create a Web page for the task force with a link from their*
15 *main page to provide the public with information about their*
16 *meetings and their interaction with the task force.*

17 *7095.3. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January*
18 *1, 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted*
19 *statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends*
20 *that date.*